

Weekly Police Beat for the week ending January 4, 2019

Worker's Car Stolen on E. Lenox Street During the Day

Owner left the key inside the unlocked car

On Thursday, January 03, 2019 at about 3:30 p.m., a contractor who was working at a home in the 100 block of E. Lenox Street called police to report that his car was stolen within the past hour. The man said that he had left the key inside his red 2008 Cadillac CTS, and when he returned to the driveway, he discovered that his car was gone.

While officers were on the scene of the stolen auto, they were approached by two landscapers who had been working at a residence directly across the street from the stolen auto. The landscapers reported that unknown persons had taken a smart phone and two lunch boxes from their unlocked work truck.

About 30 minutes later, three roofers in the unit block of E. Lenox Street called to report that unknown persons had apparently entered their unlocked work truck and stolen each of their cell phones.

Village officers placed the stolen vehicle information in the national crime database, and gave the information directly to the county police and DC police.

None of the victims reported seeing any suspects. The investigation is continuing.

Investigation of Area-Wide (DC/MD) Daytime Thefts from Work Trucks Progresses

Village Police Need Your Help to Spot the Suspects

Recently, several contractors in the Village experienced thefts from their work trucks during daytime hours. Some of those thefts involved broken truck windows. Investigation revealed that the County Police and Metropolitan (DC) Police were seeing the same pattern. All three police agencies have been working hard to share information to identify suspects and make some arrests.

A DC police officer was able to obtain an image of the suspects (see below) from a surveillance camera in the area of one of the crimes in DC. The photo, combined with other information from DC, provides valuable information. The suspects apparently posed as construction workers with yellow reflective jackets and a hard hat as they broke into work trucks.

Please keep a lookout for anyone wearing similar construction clothing/gear and call the Village Police immediately. Officers will respond immediately and investigate.

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